

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, please replace the title with the following:

DIFFRACTIVE SECURITY ELEMENT ~~WITH~~ COMPRISING A HALF-TONE ~~IMAGE-PICTURE~~

On page 1, after the title of the invention, insert the following:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a National Phase application of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/012378 filed November 2, 2004, which claims priority based on German Patent Application No. 103 51 129.6, filed November 3, 2003, which are both incorporated herein by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

On page 2, after line 20, insert the following:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

On page 3, after line 22, insert the following:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

On page 4, after line 1, insert the following:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION